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On the Confederates refusing to allow the Garrison of the Cittadel of Tournay *any other Terms, than to be Prisoners of War, because the* French *King would not agree to the former Capitulation. 'Tis equally just to treat him in the same Manner as to the Preliminaries, if he offer a new Treaty. Instances of the States of* France *being made Guarrantees of Treaties with their Kings, with Power to compel them to the Observance of 'em, or at Liberty to renounce their Allegiance; which, with our being possess'd of all the Frontier Garrisons, seems to be the only Security we can now have for a due Performance of any future Treaty with* France.

From Wednesday, August 24. to Saturday, August 27. 1709.

Country-m. I Have good News for you from Abroad, Master: 'Tis suppos'd by this Time the Cittadel of *Tournay* is in our Hands, and the Garrison Prisoners of War; for they offer'd to capitulate on Terms the 31st *N. S.* which was our 20th; but our Generals, the Duke of *Marlborough* and Prince *Eugene*, knowing that they are in Want of Provisions, would hear of nothing less than their surrendering Prisoners of War, which they thought necessary for the Honour of the Confederate Arms, and a just Reprisal upon the *French* King, for having refus'd to agree to the former Capitulation.

Obs. I am very glad to hear it, *Roger*. Our Generals have acted in this answerable to their own Character, and the *French* King's Merit. He that was formerly the Terror of *Europe*, is now, by many remarkable Turns of Providence, come to be despis'd both by his Enemies, and his own Subjects; which is a just Punishment upon him for his Tyranny, Perfidiousness, and monsterous Ambition. He has dishonour'd God, by assuming blasphemously to himself such Titles and Characters, as were never assum'd by any Prince, who did not afterwards become an Object of Scorn and Reproach to Men, and a Monument of the divine Justice. All Histories, sacred and profane, abound with Instances of it, which verifies what God himself has told us, *them that honour him, he will honour; but they that despise him, shall be lightly esteem'd.* Thus it far'd with the *Pharaohs*, the *Sauls*, the *Nebuchadnezzars*, &c. of the *Old Testament*, and the *Herods*, &c. of the *New*. I mention'd *Juvenal*'s Observation to you before, that most of 'em go to the Grave in a bloody Winding-Sheet, or with some Mark of Infamy that render'd their Memory odious to Posterity; for if *they did many Mischiefs, as* Plutarch *in his Life of* Timoleon, *says of* Dionysius, *they suffer'd more*: which we must understand of the Hell they endur'd in their Consciences, as well as of their infamous *Exit*. So 'tis needless to stand upon many Instances: Those of *Alexander* and *Julius Cæsar*, are well known among the Ancients. The *Herod*-like End of *Philip* the IId of *Spain*, and the Dethronement of *Christiern* the IId of *Denmark*, the *Nero* of the North, and his miserable Death in Prison, are as well known among the Moderns, besides the frequent Instances we have in our own History, which the Patrons of arbitrary Power can never get over.

Country-m. I hope, Master, that as our Confederate Generals have treated the *French* King with Relation to the Cittadel of *Tournay*, the Allies will treat him after the same manner, when he comes to offer new Preliminaries; I mean, that they will not allow him the Benefit of the first, but tie him up still farther, and play a surer Game with him.

Obs. They have just Reason to do so, *Roger*; but let him promise and swear what he will, there's no trusting to him, so long as he is left in Possession of his absolute Power, or of such Frontier Garrisons, as may hinder our entering his Country when we please. Therefore, *Roger*, I humbly presume to offer, as the shortest and surest Expedient, that he be oblig'd to surrender all his Frontier Garrisons on the Side of the *Netherlands*; that since he has no Fear of God to make him observe his solemn Oaths and Contracts, he may be compell'd to it by the Fear of Man. This would be like the hanging of a Sword over his Head by a Hair, to keep him in Awe; for Oaths, Sacraments, Treaties, and all Things that are accounted sacred by God and Man, have no Weight with him, as we may plainly perceive, by his entering into the Treaty of the *Pyrenees*; swearing it upon the Altar, and confirming it by his Marriage Contract, which Papists reckon a Sacrament; and yet it appears by Cardinal *Mazarine*'s Life, *M. de Lionne*'s Letters, and those of the Cardinal publish'd long ago, that he took those Oaths, and made that Contract, with a Design to break them. Nor are we to wonder at it, for he was bred up in those Principles by the Bishop of *Rhodes*, his first *Preceptor*, and confirm'd in them by the President *Jeannin*, Cardinal *Mazarine*, &c. as necessary for arriving at the universal Monarchy, which he has aspir'd to from his Youth: and by the whole Conduct of his Life, he has plainly discover'd to the World, that he is of *Machiavel*'s Opinion, *That Oaths are only made to please Men, as Babies are to please Children.*

Country-m. Aye, but, Master, we have those among us, who say, so Great a Prince ought to be more civilly treated, and not so severely dealt with.

Obs. I know, *Roger*, that the Sentiments of Passive-Obedience and Tyranny, are at a great deal of Pains, and make vigorous Efforts to relieve their abdicated Doctrine amongst us, which has been condemn'd and exploded by the wisest Men and Nations, in all Ages, as it was by God himself in the first Institution of the *Jewish* Monarchy, and the Revolt of the ten Tribes from *Rehoboam*, approv'd upon that Account. But since we live in an Age when Divine Authority is little regarded, I will give you some Instances from History, how *French* Kings have been treated by Confederates in the like Case, which will sufficiently justify all I say.

Country-m. Pray do, Master; for many People among us, are so fond of Tyrants, that they can't endure to hear of any Restraint upon them.

Obs. The Instances are from a *French* Author, and a Courtier too, *Roger*; so that being one of their own side, they can't handsomely except against his Evidence. 'Tis *M. Amelot de Houssaie*, in his historical and political Observations upon the Treaties of Princes, prefix'd to the Collection of Treaties betwixt *France* and other Nations, printed in six Volumes at *Paris*, with the King's Allowance, in 1693. The first is a Treaty betwixt *Philip* the good, of *Burgundy*, and *Charles* the VIIth of *France*; by which, the *French* King was oblig'd for the security of his performing the Articles, to allow the same to be seal'd by the Princes of the Blood, all the Grandees of the Realm, and the principal Towns, by which, in Case of Contravention, those Pun-

ces, Lords, and Gentlemen, were declar'd to be abſolv'd from their Allegiance to the King, and oblig'd to ſerve the Duke againſt him. This was the famous Treaty of *Arras*, *Roger*, in 1435. As to which, M. *Amelot* obſerves, that never was any Peace made with ſo much Ceremony, nor by ſo many Ambaſſadors and Deputies. Pope *Eugene* the IVth, and the Council of *Baſle*, had each of them a Legate there for Mediators, aſſiſted by many Biſhops, on the Part of *France* there were all the great Officers of the Crown, and twelve Counſellors of Parliament; for *England* there was a Cardinal, one Arch-biſhop, three Biſhops, two Counts, abundance of Gentlemen and Doctors of the Laws. The Duke of *Burgundy* had all his Great Officers and Deputies from all the States in his Dominions; ſo that the Purveyors were oblig'd to find Quarters for 10000 Horſe. I take Notice of this, *Roger*, becauſe this Reſtraint upon a King by his own Subjects, was approv'd by all the then chief Governments of *Europe*, and ratify'd by the Pope and a General Council; which ſhews, that Paſſive-Obedience, as preach'd up of late Years by our *Laudean* Faction, was not then known in *Europe*, and an abſolute Stranger to the then Church of *England*, as it ever was 'till that unhappy Faction got the Aſcendant, which ruin'd the King and the Church both in thoſe Days, and endanger'd the over-running of the Nation by Popery and Slavery in our own; which may let us ſee how much we are oblig'd to thoſe Gentlemen, that are at ſo much Pains to renew thoſe Principles among us at preſent.

Country-m. That's an Inſtance with a Witneſs, Maſter, and a choaking one too, for Mr. *Hoadly*'s Antagoniſts, and all the Enemies of the late happy Revolution, her Majeſty's Title, and the *Hannover* Succeſſion.

Obſ. The ſecond Inſtance is, the Treaty of St. *Maur de Feſſez*, *Roger*, ratify'd by that of *Peronne*, in 1468, by which it was agreed betwixt *Charles* of *Burgundy*, &c. and *Lewis* the XIth of *France*, that for the *French* King's Performance of the Articles, there ſhould be a Committee appointed of 36 of the chief Men of *France*, *viz.* 12 of the Clergy, 12 of the Nobility, and 12 of the Law, to ſuperintend the Adminiſtration; and if the King iſſu'd any Orders contrary to theirs, the Subjects ſhould not be oblig'd to obey them; by which, you ſee, *Roger*, that I was not ſo far out of the Way, as ſome People took me to be, when I formerly propos'd, that in order to make what Treaty we ſhould come to with the *French* King ſecure, the three Eſtates of *France* ſhould be call'd according to ancient Cuſtom, made Part of the Guarantees of the Treaty, and impower'd for their own ſakes, and that of the Nation, as well as of the Confederates, to annul any Orders their King ſhould iſſue to the contrary; for without ſuch a Check upon the Monarchy of *France* within, and the Confederates being poſſeſs'd of the Frontier Garriſons without, all the Ties we can lay upon the Court of *France*, will prove as inſignificant, as the Cords with which the *Philiſtines* bound *Sampſon*.

Country-m. Pray, Maſter, how came *Lewis* the XIth to get rid of all thoſe ſtrict Ties upon him? For I remember you told me he broke thro' them all.

Obſ. He rid himſelf of them thus, *Roger*. When he had diſſolv'd the Confederacy againſt him by thoſe Conceſſions, he brib'd off ſome of the Allies, ſet the reſt together by the Ears, and ruin'd the Duke of *Burgundy*, the Chief of the League, by bribing his Servants; for M. *Amelot* ſays, the Duke was *unſupportably proud, aſcrib'd all his Succeſs to his own Senſe and Valour*, and told *Lewis* to his Face, when he had him ſhut up at *Peronne*, *That he had now got the Fox in the Cage*; from whence, ſays the ſame Author, he could never have eſcap'd, had not *Commines*, and ſome others of the Duke's Servants, lov'd their own Intereſt better than their Maſter's.

Country-m. Since what has been may be, Maſter, I hope the Confederate Princes and States will take Care whom they employ in any future Treaty, and what Terms they make; for ſhould the Fox eſcape once more out of the Cage, it may be a long while ere we be able to hunt him down again.

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